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We, Vincent L. Bobrosky, Richard J. Eisenmenger, John A. Huebsch, Christer T. Kontio, Joseph L. Mulcahy, William R. Reimer, and Timothy P. Toohill, hereby declare that we are, respectively,

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that we have reviewed and understand the content of the attached specification, including the claims (Pearne, Gordon, McCoy & Granger Docket No. 29,810US1), and we believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed therein and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled

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and that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 of the below listed U.S. provisional patent application.

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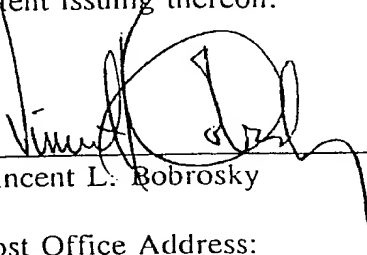
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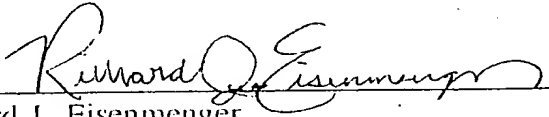
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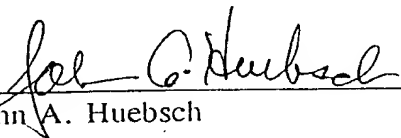
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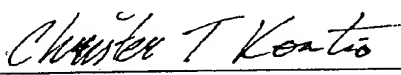
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